

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-4 and 6-23 are presently pending. All pending claims stand rejected. In addition to the reasons set forth in Applicants' Response filed on December 5, 2005, reconsideration of all claim rejections is requested based on the following remarks.

Claims 1-4 and 6-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,204,496 to Boulay et al. (herein Boulay) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,354,951 to Lange, Sr. et al. (herein Lange).

Claim 1 is directed to a computer system that includes the following features:

an electronic assembly having an enclosure, a first access opening defined by said enclosure, and a second access opening defined by said enclosure;

a device coupled to said electronic assembly via said first access opening; and

a shield coupled to said electronic assembly and positioned to cover said second access opening defined by said enclosure, wherein said shield includes a cover portion having a substantially planar mating surface and a plurality of extensions adjacent said cover portion, said extensions together at least partially defining a channel extending along at least a portion of said cover portion, said channel having substantially parallel boundaries, said channel being configured to received a portion of the enclosure and to slidably engage the enclosure such that, when engaged, said substantially planar mating surface of said cover portion contacts said portion of the enclosure and covers said second access opening to inhibit electromagnetic interference emissions from the enclosure.

The computer system recited in claim 1 therefore includes an electronic assembly having an enclosure, a device, and a shield. The enclosure defines a first access opening and a second access opening. The shield includes a cover portion having a substantially planar mating surface and a plurality of extensions adjacent the cover portion. The extensions at least partially define a channel configured to receive a portion of the enclosure that slidably engages the enclosure of the electronic assembly. When engaged, the substantially planar mating surface contacts that portion of the enclosure and covers the second access opening to inhibit electromagnetic (EMI) emissions from the enclosure. Exemplary embodiments of

this feature are found throughout the specification of the originally filed application and, for example, at paragraphs 41, 43, and 44 and in FIGs. 3A and 4.

Claim 1 (as amended) recites "said shield includes a cover portion having a substantially planar mating surface and a plurality of extensions...defining a channel...configured to receive a portion of the enclosure...said substantially planar mating surface of said cover portion contacts said portion of the enclosure and covers said second access opening to inhibit electromagnetic interference emissions from the enclosure." Boulay and Lange, neither alone nor in combination, disclose, teach, or suggest a cover with a substantially planar mating surface that contacts a portion of the enclosure (i.e., the portion to be received by the channel defined by the extensions) and covers an access opening.

Since neither Lange nor Boulay discloses a shield such as the shield set forth in amended claim 1, Lange and Boulay, neither alone nor in combination, teach each and every limitation of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is allowable over the applied references.

Claims 12 and 19, while not identical to claim 1, includes features similar to claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants contend that claims 12 and 19 are also allowable over the applied references for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1 and respectfully request that the rejections of claims 12 and 19 be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 4, 6-11, 13-18, and 20 include all of the features of one of independent claims 1, 12, and 19 from which they ultimately depend. Thus, claims 2, 4, 6-11, 13-18, and 20 are also allowable over the cited art for at least the reasons set forth with respect to the independent claim from which they ultimately depend. Accordingly, Applicants contend that claims 2, 4, 6-11, 13-18, and 20 are likewise allowable and, therefore, respectfully request that the rejection of claims 2, 4, 6-11, 13-18, and 20 be withdrawn for at least this reason.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Boulay in view of Lange and further in view of U.S. Statutory Invention Registration H526 to Miller (herein Miller). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Claim 3 depends directly from claim 1 and includes all of the features and limitations of claim 1. The feature that was found to be lacking in Boulay and Lange with reference to

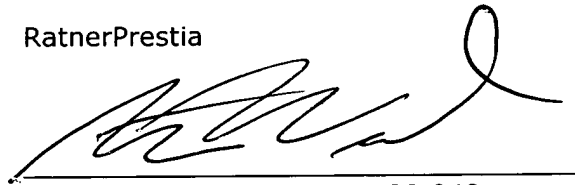
claim 1 is not found in Miller. Thus, Miller fails to make up for the deficiencies of Boulay and Lange. Accordingly, Applicants contend that claim 3 is allowable and, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 3.

Additionally, the art of record fails to disclose, teach, or suggest "an outer cover portion coupled to said cover portion, said outer cover portion spaced from and substantially parallel to said cover portion, said outer cover portion and said cover portion together defining a space there between" as recited in amended claims 11 and 18 (emphasis added). Further, claims 21-23 recite that the cover and shield are rigid. The Office Action states that Boulay discloses this feature pointing to element 22 in Figs. 1-7 and element 122 in Fig. 8 of Boulay. As can be seen in Fig. 6 of Boulay, however, these elements 22/122 are clearly flexible rather than rigid as set forth in claims 21-23.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, and the remarks set forth in Applicants' Response filed on December 5, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4 and 6-23 are in condition for allowance and early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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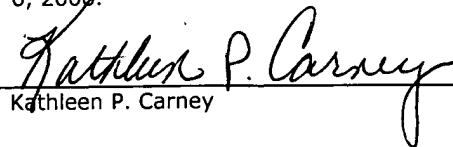
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